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Marginal Column

By ARYAH BURNSTEIN

THE Guri Committee's report on civil service salaries is a disappointing document. Instead of making specific recommendations, in effect it throws the whole problem back into the lap of the Government. Only if the Government approves the general, tentative recommendations will the Committee get down to brass tacks and submit a detailed plan of wage increases.

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GOVERNMENT physicians, lawyers, and senior administrative officials must be wondering whether it was for such a report that they were asked to wait before taking any drastic steps regarding their demands for higher pay. The committee was appointed by the Prime Minister, following a Cabinet decision, on November 28, 1954, and was charged with submitting its conclusions within three months. It began work on December 20. On February 23, Mr. Guri, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, wrote to Mr. Sharett that he doubted whether the report would be ready within the appointed time, but he expected that the job would be completed by the end of May. The report was in fact submitted on June 7.

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THE Committee's conclusions are not clear-cut on the other two aspects of its study — the question of the desirable number of varying salary scales and that of the salary "spread" between grades. At present there are 14 separate salary scales in the civil service: general administrative employees, doctors, lawyers, veterinarians, pharmacists, medical laboratory technicians, clinical psychologists, registered nurses, practical nurses, social workers, engineers and "other academic professions," labourers, police force, and teachers. The report finds that the system of one general scale has the advantage that it lends itself to a greater extent to the observance of the principle of equal pay for equal work, while its chief fault is its inflexibility. Although the separate grades were introduced following pressure by professional organizations with the support of national trade unions and the Histadrut, in testimony before the Committee both the Civil Servants Union and the Civil Service Commission favoured a single, general scale. Mr. A. Becker, head of the Histadrut Trade Union Department, supported separate scales.

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"THE Committee does not intend to render a judgment on which of these two systems is preferable in general," says the report. The weight of the arguments which impelled the Government to agree to instituting separate scales has, if anything, increased — the report continues — since there are now thousands of workers outside the general classification. "There is reason to believe that, in the light of this development, it will be very difficult to go back to the former (uniform) system." One cannot be sure, but this seems to mean that although the Committee would prefer a single, general salary scale, because of the practical obstacles to the re-introduction of such a system it will not even trouble to give expression to its view. For the record, at least, a forthright statement of the Committee's opinion here should have been given. The result is a compromise, with the Committee recommending the reduction of the number of separate scales to seven, plus one for Regular Army personnel, and with labourers being paid according to prevailing rates.

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NO less equivocal is the section on what is really the heart of the matter: the wage "spread" between grades or, in other words, whether the higher officials are being underpaid. The report states that the demand of various professional groups and of the senior administrative officials for wage increase were heard. It was claimed, among other things, that present salaries were not enough to live on, that the salary "spread" between grades has steadily been reduced, and that officials in grade 1-4 receive no compensation for the overtime they are constantly required to do. Then comes a surprising statement: "The Committee considered the claim that salaries are not enough to live on, but it possesses no objective criterion for fixing a reasonable standard of living for a typical family of a given number of persons... Nor can the Committee determine a general rule as to what is the desirable ratio between the salary of the lowest grade and the highest... We cannot accept evidence from other countries. The economic situation and the social background of Israel are absolutely different from that of other countries..."

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ADMITTEDLY it is no mean task to arrive at a criterion of a proper standard of living for this country's Civil Servants. But without such a criterion — explicit or implied — how can the problem be solved logically? As for evidence from other countries: certainly we are different, perhaps even unique. But does this mean that we can learn nothing from the fact that, for example, the salary of the chief meteorologist in Israel is in the ratio of 219 to an office messenger's 100, while in Denmark the ratio is 265, in Norway 313, in Sweden and Holland 625, in England 951? On both these points the Committee seems to have failed to make itself clear. For, merely to restore the former ratio between the salaries of the lower and the higher grades, as the Committee seems inclined to do, can hardly be considered a fundamental approach to the problem.

Jerusalem, June 12.

Britain's Rail Strikers Reject Gov't Raise Bid

LONDON, Sunday. — Striking railroad men today decided to continue their two-week-old walkout indefinitely unless the Government grants "adequate" wage boosts. The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen's Union (ASLEF) last night spiked rising hopes for a speedy end to the crippling walkout by rejecting Government proposals as "unacceptable."

Negotiations between the ASLEF and the British Transport Commission, which runs the nationalized railroads, were suspended on Saturday night until tomorrow.

Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden interrupted birthday celebrations at his country retreat, Chequers, to study the latest gloomy reports from London. Sir Anthony, 58 today, was in telephone contact on the strike crisis throughout the day with Labour Minister Sir Walter Monckton and Home Secretary Gwilym Lloyd George. He was expected to call a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

The ASLEF Executive met today but gave no indication of a change in attitude. Informed sources said that the Executive had considered reports from various strike centres and had decided to continue the walkout "indefinitely" until the Transport Commission meets the major part of their demands.

The Union's 70,000 engineers and firemen have been out since midnight May 29 demanding increases which would raise top wages to just over £10 per week. They now average between £8-15/- and £9-5/-.

The Transport Commission last night offered minor rises which the ASLEF flatly rejected.

The Transport Commission also is faced with a threat by the non-striking National Union of Railwaymen (NUR) for down-the-line increases for its 400,000 members if the ASLEF demands are met.

Meanwhile, the strike involving 20,000 stevedores in six ports went into its fourth week today with no signs of a solution. The stevedores, attached to the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union, have been tying up an average of 250 ships a day at key ports from London to Liverpool. They were called out in a jurisdictional dispute with another longshoremen's union over alleged "poaching" of members in northern ports. *(UP)*

Singapore Tense On Eve of Strike

SINGAPORE, Sunday (Reuter). —Armed police stood by throughout Singapore tonight and all Army leave was cancelled after the arrest of five union and student leaders as suspected Communists brought new tension on the eve of a threatened general strike by 70,000 workers.

Observers feared that the colony faced the worst industrial strife in its history — only a month after violent strike riots in which four persons had died. They expected that the threatened paralysing stoppage would go on indefinitely instead of only for one day, as originally planned.

A police spokesman revealed that Malayan Communist Party documents had been seized in raids yesterday. The five men arrested were detained after pre-dawn raids on their homes. More arrests were expected.

Public Transport Stopped

Throughout the colony tonight, strikers were mustering outside strike-bound factories and bus depots. All public transport stopped today. Tomorrow, all waterside unions will also stop work.

Mr. Lim Chin-siong, left-wing union leader and a People's Action Party member of the Legislative Assembly, originally proposed the strike of 70,000 workers in sympathy with 1,300 dock clerks who have been out for six weeks in a pay dispute with the Singapore Harbour Board.

Authoritative sources said that a number of suspected Communists have already gone into hiding. Police believe that these and the arrested men form the hard core of the active Communist Party in Singapore.

Outside the premises of the factory and Shopworkers Union tonight, pickets armed with heavy wooden staves faced armed police emergency units. It was believed that Mr. Lim Chin-siong was inside the building though it was not known whether police planned to arrest him.

Bomb Found at Israel Embassy in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Sunday (Reuter). — President Peron late last night held an emergency meeting with Minister of Interior Borlenghi to discuss the Catholic demonstration yesterday.

The demonstrators allegedly placed a bomb at the Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires, but this was discovered before an explosion occurred.

An estimated 100,000 persons packed the Cathedral area here yesterday to celebrate the Corpus Christi procession despite Government announcements that the procession had been suspended. Every prelate from Buenos Aires Province, as well as many from other provinces, took part in the ceremony in full regalia. The authorities had tried to discourage observance of the feast as part of the campaign to separate the state from the church after charges of clerical interference in national affairs.

After the main demonstration had ended, smaller groups later went down to the Congress building where they raised the Vatican flag. They also broke some of the windows of the newspaper "La Prensa," now owned by the Labour Confederation.

A statement from the presidential Information Office said that the demonstration was staged by "oligarchs and rebellious priests."

After his meeting with President Peron, Mr. Borlenghi told reporters that police could easily have put down the "excesses of the comparatively small demonstration" but had taken no action in obedience to the President's wishes. He declared that Argentine sovereignty had been insulted by "hoisting the flag of a foreign nation, the Vatican, on a mast reserved for the Argentine flag." He complained that the Peruvian Ambassador's car was damaged and that the Yugoslav Embassy was smeared with tar.

Meanwhile, from the pulpits of Roman Catholic churches, priests today read a new issue of their "News Bulletin," praising the "spontaneity" of yesterday's demonstrations.

Police cordoned the Archbishop's palace here today after about 150 anti-Catholic demonstrators had converged on the building, shouting for the resignation of Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires.

Saigon Terrorists Attack Americans

SAIGON, Sunday (UP). — Terrorists hurled hand-grenades at Americans in two separate attacks today. No casualties were reported.

Police said that one of the grenades was hurled at a villa occupied by members of the U.S. Economic Mission. But it hit a tree and exploded outside the building on the sidewalk, only 10 yards from where two Americans were walking.

At the same moment, a second grenade was thrown at an American jeep, but caused no damage or injuries.

There was no clue to the identity of the assailants, who escaped into the night, but police speculated that they were connected with the rebel Binh Xuyen group, which Premier Ngo Dinh Diem defeated and drove out of Saigon.

HONG KONG POSTS BIG REWARD FOR SABOTEURS

HONG KONG, Sunday (Reuter). — Police here today offered a 100,000 Hong Kong dollars (£6,250) reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the time-bomb saboteurs of an Indian airliner which plunged into the South China Sea while taking Chinese delegates to the Afro-Asian conference at Bandung.

Fifteen persons, eight of them Chinese officials and journalists, died in the crash of the Kashmir Princess off Sarawak while flying from Hong Kong's airport to Indonesia on April 11.

Mr. R.C. Maxwell, the Police Commissioner, said in an official statement that the police were treating the case as one of "carefully planned mass murder." He appealed to the public to help the police complete their inquiries.

"It has been established beyond doubt that the Kashmir Princess met its end through an explosion caused by some form of time-bomb. It is regrettably almost equally certain that this time-bomb was placed aboard the aircraft in Hong Kong.

"No effort is being spared to bring to justice the perpetrators of this ghastly crime which must offend the conscience of all humanity."

Accord Reached In General Motors Dispute

DETROIT, Sunday (UP). — General Motors and the C.I.O. United Auto Workers reached agreement today on the principles of a new guaranteed wage contract patterned closely after the Ford contract signed last Monday.

Negotiators, who met throughout the night in a marathon session, worked today to settle the final details before the midnight strike deadline of 380,000 auto workers, and settlement was expected well before that time.

The Ford agreement had provided a guaranteed wage of 60 to 65 per cent of normal take-home pay for up to 26 weeks for workers who are laid off, and other benefits.

Truman to Speak at U.N. Anniversary Session

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday (UP). — Former President Harry Truman has agreed to address the 10th anniversary session of the U.N. General Assembly in San Francisco on June 26, Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold announced today. Mr. Truman earlier had refused an invitation from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to attend the meeting.

President Eisenhower will be the first speaker on the opening day on June 26. At least 50 Foreign Ministers will attend, it was revealed. A provisional list of speakers released today includes the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, who will deliver his address on June 21.

Workers are shown here as they put up a ladder following the hoisting yesterday of the new oil rig at the Gan Yavne drilling site. An oil drum is shown beneath the platform covering up the bore hole where gas escaped and a fire ensued on June 1. Operations are to be resumed tomorrow afternoon or on Wednesday morning. Photo by Meyerowitz.

New Rig to Start Drilling At Gan Yavne Site Tomorrow

By MARLIN LEVIN

GAN YAVNE, Sunday. — This was "rigging up" day at the promising oil prospecting site of the Israel-American Oil Company near Gedera.

"Rigging up" is the trade term which in layman's language means that a new rig was raised aloft over the site where a bit will be sent grinding hundreds of metres into the earth to search for oil.

It was at this site on June 1 that a smaller rig had drilled into gas which was ignited and caused a fire that stopped operations. The search will get underway again on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning with the new machinery that is now being put into place.

The rig, an Ideco H-35, spears 33 metres high, and is capable of reaching a depth of 1,800 metres. When operations were stopped 11 days ago, a depth of 920 metres had been reached.

The machinery, which arrived on Friday evening, is powered by two Caterpillar engines with an output of 300 horsepower.

When drilling is resumed, precautions will be taken against another eruption. The hole will be cleaned. Casing will be lowered and cement placed between the cavity and the pipe. The cement will be pressed down and will form a block. A blow-out preventer will be inserted.

About the middle of next week, gas testing will be started. Tests will be made to determine what kind it is, its pressure and its volume. Then further tests may be made further afield to ascertain the size of the reservoir.

The drilling site, which the less reticent say is the most promising yet found in Israel, is situated on a small plot at the edge of this moshava. The pyramidal steel frame of the derrick towering skyward, the labourers in their silver-coloured, aluminium crash helmets and their grease-smeared clothes contrast strikingly with the pastoral surroundings.

Only a stone's throw away are the chicken coops, the neat little one and two-roomed houses and the well-tended gardens of the settlers who go about their work in fertile fields oblivious of the oil prospectors camped on their back door. During the work, from time to time a boy from the moshava rides up on a mare, and when he gets too close to the machinery, he is told to move away for safety's sake.

The settlers appear blase about the going-on. When asked how they feel about the possibility of their settlement being placed on the map as the first oil producer in Israel, they shrug their shoulders and say, "We'll see." Their only other comment is that the noisy machines make sleeping difficult.

Workers Cautious

The same "wait-and-see" attitude dominates the talk of the foremen and engineers at the scene. They bend over backwards to impress upon visitors that oil is never there till you find it; that what they are doing is no different from what is being done at a number of other places in Israel, and that it would be better for everyone not concerned with actual operations to just forget about it until there is definite news one way or the other.

All the same, there is a feeling of excitement at the site. A double shift was labouring today in "rigging up." Work goes on day and night, 24 hours around the clock, seven days a week. Signs of tenseness and anxiety can be seen in the faces and actions of the men in charge. The searing heat causes the work to slow down, and the higher-ups, wanting to get on with it, hope for a quick break in the weather.

Still, if there is oil underneath that rig, it still has to be found.

The air at Gan Yavne has not yet been polluted by petroleum; it still has the pungent fragrance of freshly fertilised fields.

France to Press Probe Of Dubreuil's Murder

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — The Government today sent the head of the country's counter-espionage service, M. Roger Wybot, to Casablanca, to investigate the murder last night of a leading newspaper director M. Jacques Lemaigre-Dubreuil, part-owner of the morning paper "Marge-Presse," who was killed by a hail of machine-gun bullets as he left a block of flats with M. Simon, a friend.

M. Simon saved his life by pressing himself against his friend's car parked outside the flats, as the terrorists drove past in a black Citroen.

In Paris, M. Pierre July, Minister for Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs, conferred with Premier Edgar Faure immediately after news of the assassination had been received. He told reporters today, "You know that during my recent visit to Morocco I pointed out to French people the necessity to end their quarrels. I did not hesitate to say that I would take serious actions against those who provoke troubles."

The Government had sent M. Wybot on a special mission of enquiry, he said adding, "Counter-terrorism, which once again is dishonouring France, is being supported not only in Morocco but also in Paris where an odious campaign is being waged against my collaborators."

Cyprus Turkish Leader Warns Against Enosis

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuter). — The General Secretary of the Cyprus Turkish National Party, Dr. Fazil Khutchuk, warned Britain's leaders today that if the island colony were handed over to Greece "the whole Middle East will be turned into an area of chaos and destruction."

In letters sent to British Ministers, Mr. Khutchuk appealed to the Cabinet to declare unequivocally that Britain has no intention of leaving Cyprus.

Indian M.P. to Lead Volunteers on Goa

BOMBAY, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. V.G. Deshpande, Member of Parliament and General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, announced here yesterday that he would lead 100 unarmed volunteers to Goa on about June 18 to demand freedom from Portuguese rule for the pocket colony on India's west coast.

He will be the first M.P. to take an active part in the Goa liberation movement. Meanwhile, 109 of 130 unarmed volunteers who crossed into Goa in torrential rains on Friday morning have been deported by the Portuguese authorities, it was reported by a Press Trust of India correspondent from Bande's Goa frontier town.

The volunteers, led by the Communist leader Rajaram Patil, were met by police as they marched through the Goa town of Pernem.

NEHRU VISITS CRIMEA

MOSCOW, Sunday. — Premier Jawaharlal Nehru of India today visited Yalta on his tour of the Soviet Union. Earlier, he arrived in Rostov-on-Don after visiting Stalingrad.

BANK STRIKE IN LEBANON SPREADS

The strike of Beirut bank employees spread to other Lebanese towns yesterday despite the Government threat to bring in State workers, according to REUTER.

Bank workers in Tripoli, Sidon, Balbek, Tyre, and Sahlab, joined the walkout. Furthermore, five of the largest Lebanese trade unions have threatened to declare a general strike should the Government carry out its threat to break the strike.

MORE U.S. AID TO EGYPT

The U.S. may "considerably increase" financial aid to Egypt this fiscal year, according to the Cairo daily, "Al Ahram." This form of assistance amounted to $40m. last year.

Adenauer Off For Parleys In U.S., Britain

BONN, Sunday (Reuter). — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer left for the U.S. tonight to embark on a period of diplomacy which has been called "the great test" of his whole career.

Over all his conversations with Western leaders in America and Britain during the next 10 days will hang the doubt created by Russia's invitation to visit Moscow, which he will probably accept.

In the U.S., he will be joined by Herbert Blankenhorn, West German Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

To Meet Mr. Dulles

Dr. Adenauer is to meet Secretary of State Dulles on Tuesday in Washington and, later that day, President Eisenhower. On Friday, he will meet the three Western Foreign Ministers — Mr. Dulles, Mr. Harold MacMillan of Britain and M. Antoine Pinay of France — in New York. On Sunday, he is due to interrupt his return journey in London to see Sir Anthony Eden, the Premier.

The original purpose of the visit, fixed before the Soviet invitation, was to accept a doctor's degree from Harvard University and discuss with the Western Ministers the preliminaries to the "summit" conference with the Russians expected to begin in Geneva on July 18.

German Crowd Storms Kesselring Rally

GOSLAR, West Germany, Sunday (Reuter). About 500 police, wielding rubber truncheons here last night forced back a crowd shouting their disapproval of a soldiers' rally called by the right-wing Stahlheim (steel helmet) organisation of Field Marshal Albert Kesselring.

They detained 26 persons in the crowd, which had pressed up to the roped-off enclosure outside a mediaeval imperial residence where the Stahlheimers met.

A chorus of "Down with Kesselring" went up from the crowd when the 69-year-old Field Marshal, once sentenced to death as a war criminal, but pardoned and later released in 1952, drove up in his car. Kesselring spoke only a few words, to say that he was glad to be at the rally.

In Neumuenster, police fought outside a meeting hall today where members of the "Association of Former Internees and victims of denazification" held a rally. The Association staged the rally to demand restitution for the time its members spent in allied internment camps immediately after World War Two without sentence from Allied denazification tribunals.

Death Toll Up To 84 at Mans

LE MANS, France, Sunday. — The official death toll in yesterday's worst disaster in motor history, two hours after the 24-hour non-stop endurance race had started, was announced as 84, with another 105 persons injured.

The race was not stopped. Today, a British Jaguar car driven by Mike Hawthorn roared home to victory in the record speed of 172.308 kms. an hour over the 306 laps.

Doctors and nurses worked throughout the night and today in all the main hospitals and clinics in the city to save as many as possible of the injured. They were the victims of a Mercedes racing car that rocketed crazily off the straightway into massed spectators, exploded like a bomb, and spread fiery debris and jagged parts that cut down people like harvested wheat.

Driver Decapitated

The driver, Pierre Levegh, whose wife was in the stands timing him with a stopwatch, was decapitated and his body burned to a crisp. He was the eighth driver killed in Le Mans in its 23-year history. Mrs. Juan Fangio, wife of the Argentine champion who was also in a Mercedes, sobbed when she heard of the accident, being sure it was her husband's car. But another woman at her side — Mme. Levegh — gently contradicted her, insisting it was not Fangio.

The end of today's race came in a strange silence, in place of the usual shouting and cheering that greeted it in other years. One of the reasons officials refused to call off the race was that a mass exodus of cars from the track would have prevented removal of the injured. Rain fell today obliterating the blood-stains left in the dust. In the hospital morgue, exhausted interns spread newspapers over pieces of bodies. They had run out of sheets.

President Coty sent an aide to Le Mans, while the Belgian and West German governments expressed their sympathy. Local officials set up a court of inquiry to investigate the accident and determine how the Mercedes could have overshot the holes of straw piled up along the track.

Burns Asks Nasser To Clarify Stand on Talks

By Our U.N. Correspondent

Prime Minister Sharett's proposal for high-level talks between Israel and Egypt on reducing tension on the border appeared to have hit a snag upon the arrival late yesterday morning at U.N. Headquarters of Egypt's reply from Premier Abdul Nasser. Major-General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of the Truce Supervision Organization, has asked the Egyptian Government for additional information.

The U.N. spokesman in Jerusalem told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that General Burns was not completely satisfied with the reply insofar as it needed to be clarified. He could not reveal details of the answer.

Pending clarification, no official communication has yet been addressed to the Israel Foreign Ministry by the U.N., although there may have been some unofficial discussion on the subject since the reply was received.

Not Diplomatic Talks

It will be recalled that the Israel proposal for high-level talks made it clear that the matter to be discussed would be relaxation of border tension. This point was stressed, it is believed, in order to obviate any Egyptian fears that such a meeting might be interpreted as a diplomatic conference.

"Al Ahram," the Cairo daily, said on Saturday that Egypt has rejected the proposal of high-level talks. It added that any talk on reducing tension in the border area should take place within the Mixed Armistice Commission framework.

The diplomatic correspondent of "Al Ahram" goes on to say, "There is no way to restore tranquility along the Gaza lines but by suspension of direct and indirect arms supplies to Israel. After accepting the four Burns proposals, Egypt considers herself free to take whatever steps she sees fit to protect the life of her men in the Gaza Strip.

Claims Warm Reception

"Nasser's proposal for the establishment of a neutral zone along the Gaza lines has been warmly received by the diplomatic representatives of the Big Powers in Cairo who met the Egyptian Premier and Foreign Minister at the end of last week to discuss the situation along the Gaza Strip," the "Al Ahram" correspondent asserts.

Meanwhile, the Israel-Egyptian M.A.C. is scheduled to meet again today to clear up accumulating complaints. Some 10 complaints registered since the middle of May still have to be considered. The M.A.C. is to meet every other day until the agenda is cleared.

The Israel-Lebanon M.A.C. is scheduled to meet on June 21 to discuss the position of the three hikers from Kibbutz Gonen who remain in Lebanese custody.

Cabinet Discusses Report of Guri C'ttee

The Cabinet devoted its weekly meeting yesterday to current matters and began its discussion of the report of the public committee (The "Guri Committee") examining the rates of pay and the classification systems of civil servants and employees of public institutions. The discussion will be concluded at a special meeting this week, the official communique stated.

The Guri report came in for sharp criticism last night by the Secretariat of the Coordinating Committee of Academic and Executive Civil Servants Organizations which met in Jerusalem last night.

Referring to the report as "a further step in a series of delays" in fulfilling the demands of the member-organizations, the Committee served notice that it was standing firm on its demands for salary advances on account of future adjustments.

It called on the member organizations to continue "the struggle to improve salary conditions" and to take immediate steps in that direction.

90 Homeless In Kfar Giladi Fire

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — Some 90 persons lost their homes and possessions today in a fire that destroyed 40 wooden huts in Kibbutz Kfar Giladi in Upper Galilee. They were accommodated overnight in the communal facilities of the settlement. The huts were insured it was learned.

The fire broke out at 5 o'clock this afternoon and leaped forward from the highway northward, fanned by the winds. Some 150 men from neighbouring settlements and police fought for three hours side by side with fire brigades from Haifa, Kiryat Shmona, Afula, and that of the Soil Conservation Department. By joint efforts the men saved the *kibbutz* Rest Home, but could not prevent the huts from being destroyed.

Fires broke out sporadically throughout Upper Galilee in the heavy *sharav*, causing limited damage to Tel Hai, Beit Hillel, Kfar Blum, Ma'ayan Baruch, Ein Gev and to the Zvi Forest here. In most cases, the fires were put out by the settlers on the spot.

A harvesting combine was damaged and seven dunams of barley were destroyed by a fire at Mesna village in Upper Galilee today. The blaze was caused by a spark from the exhaust of the combine which was harvesting the barley. The villagers and the local police put out the blaze. Damage is estimated at IL2,000.

BLAZE IN PETAH TIKVA

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — An extensive fire broke out here today in abandoned orchards, spreading over 300 dunams and threatening factories and cultivated land in the neighbourhood. After five hours, the local fire brigade extinguished the flames.

A second fire in a large field in the vicinity of the Lydda Airport Bedek installation caused damage to crops, the extent of which is not yet known.

The Jerusalem Fire Brigade again had to fight more than a dozen brush fires yesterday, but no serious damage was caused. A fire near the Biblical Zoo caused considerable disturbance among the animals.

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450 Nuclear Scientists Gather at Pisa Talks

PISA, Sunday (Reuter). — About 450 nuclear scientists from all over the world, including representatives from Russia and Poland, will meet here today to exchange scientific information on the subject of "elementary particles." There are two representatives from Moscow, both of whom will read papers to the congress, and six from Poland.

They will talk with scientists from 19 other countries, including Britain (with 82 representatives), France (29 delegates), the U.S. (19), West Germany (12), Switzerland (18), Denmark (14), Sweden (7), Belgium (8), The Netherlands (7), Israel (2), Norway (1) and Austria (1).

The six-day conference, organised under the auspices of the Italian Physicists Society with the blessing of the International Physics Union, will be held in the halls of Pisa University.

The organisers said that there was no connection between this conference and the U.N. conference on the peaceful use of atomic energy to be held in Geneva in August.

"Here, scientific brains of East and West are meeting freely to discuss certain questions of fundamental nuclear theory and practices, while at Geneva, I suppose, others will gather to talk over different problems of application," one organiser said.

Int'l Jewish Talks Open in London

LONDON, Sunday. — The five-day Jewish consultative conference, at which representatives from 19 West European and North African countries will review the position and consider the future of the Jewish communities there, opened tonight.

The opening session, attended by more than 100 representatives to the conference, was a dinner at the Savoy Hotel. The Honorary President of the American Jewish Committee, Mr. Jacob Blaustein of Baltimore, presided. The Committee is one of the three sponsors of the conference, the others being the Alliance Israelite Universelle of France, and the Anglo-Jewish Association.

The conference, representing nearly one million Jews in West Europe and about half as many in North Africa, has received a message of greetings from President Eisenhower, who congratulated the sponsors "on their part in the reconstruction of the position of Jews in Western Europe in the past decade" and hoped that their "future efforts will be equally productive."

The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Eliahu Elath, paid tribute to the A.J.C. for its support to Zionism and Israel, and for being the first organization to recognize the practical meaning of Israel's establishment.

Mr. Blaustein told the dinner that "the Jews of Western Europe and North Africa have in 10 short years recreated vital, viable centres of Jewish life."

M. Georges Wormser, of Paris, an executive member of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, said that an important change in the nature of the Jewish communities of Western Europe had been "the substitution of modern forms of social action for the old method of paternalism." *(Reuter, IHA)*

IDRIS POSTPONES TRIP

ANKARA, Sunday (Reuter). — It was officially announced in Ankara yesterday that King Idris of Libya has cancelled his proposed visit to Turkey.

King Idris returned to his palace at Tobruk today with his two wives after his visit to Cairo, where he went with his Queen. While there he married Aliyah Lamlum, 17-year-old daughter of an Egyptian Beduin chieftain in response to a request by the Libyan Parliament anxious for an heir to succeed the 66-year-old monarch.

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President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, the Minister of Education and Culture and Mrs. Dinur, yesterday separately called at the home of Mr. Shalom Ben-Baruch, to express their condolences on the recent death of his wife, Paina.

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Professor H. G. Bhabha, chairman of the Indian Atomic Energy Commission and Director of the Tata Research Institute in Bombay, arrived at Lydda Airport on a four-day visit yesterday as the guest of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission. He is to act as Chairman of the International "Atoms for Peace" Congress in Geneva in August. Prof. Bhabha will deliver a lecture in Jerusalem on "Recent Developments in Science in India" under the joint auspices of the Hebrew University and the Association for the Advancement of Science, at 8:30 tonight in Room 73 in the Rothschild Building.

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The first of a series of country-wide concerts of the Haifa Orchestra under the baton of the American conductor, Mr. Siman Asen, with his wife, Miss Brenda Lewis, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, as soloist, took place at Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv on Saturday night. Representatives of the American Embassy were among the audience.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. M. Popov, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Israel, from home leave; Mr. Moshe Sasson, Second Secretary of the Israel Diplomatic Mission in Athens, on completion of his tour of duty; Mr. David Tanne, Director of the Housing Department of the Ministry of Labour, from a meeting of the Central Housing Committee of the U.N. Economic Council in Geneva; Mrs. Gertrude Kaphan, Chairman of the ORT Union for Women, Mrs. A. Gettesburg, Mrs. M. Ahronson and Mr. Sam Milman, from the U.S., to visit ORT schools here.

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DEPARTURES: The Dominican Minister to Israel, Mr. Telesforo Calderon, for Rome, after presenting his credentials to the President; Mr. Amalcito Falcinelli, the Italian professional boxer, after two fights here; Mrs. Milly Furman, Chairman of the South African ORT and OSE, to Rome.

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Mrs. Dora Ehrlich of Detroit, Michigan, a member of the National Board of Hadassah in the U.S., was the guest of honour at a luncheon yesterday given by the Hadassah Council in Israel in the Seligsberg School restaurant.

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A reception for the cantor, Mr. Moshe Koussevitsky, was given by Mr. David Ferdman in Tel Aviv last night.

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Dr. A. Moar, Director of Jewish Education in the Cape Province, South Africa, will lecture on "Is There a Future for Jewish Education in the Diaspora?" under the joint auspices of the Hebrew University's School of Education, the Jewish Agency's Department of Education and Culture in the Diaspora, and the Jerusalem branch of the Teachers Association, at 8.15 tonight in Room 71, Terra Sancta Building. The public is invited.

Funeral Of Yeshayahu Press

Yeshayahu Press, veteran Jerusalem scholar and encyclopedist, was buried yesterday in the Sanhedria cemetery in the presence of the Chief Rabbis, a large group of teachers and students, representatives of B'nai B'rith and other institutions and Jerusalem public leaders. President Ben-Zvi was represented by his Aide, Egan-Aluf Yosef Carmel.

The funeral left from Biv Hospital where Press died on Saturday. The stretcher on which the body was laid was taken from the Hospital by members of the Municipality's Names Committee, of which Press was a member. It was then passed to presidents of the B'nai B'rith organization, of which the deceased was Honorary President until his death, and afterwards to teachers of the elementary schools who carried the stretcher to the Lemel School, where Press had served as headmaster for many years.

The procession passed through Rehov Hahabashim and made a brief halt at the B'nai B'rith Library, where Dr. Aharon Press, a Haifa physician, said kaddish for his father.

From the Lemel School, the funeral proceeded by car to the Sanhedria cemetery. No speeches were made in view of the modest character of the deceased. A memorial service will be held however on the seventh day after his death.

Nizam's Slaves Are Nizam's Business

HYDERABAD, Sunday (Reuter). — The High Court yesterday quashed a magistrate's order for police to probe allegations that the Nizam of Hyderabad was holding hundreds of slaves.

Two judges ruled that the District Magistrate's order violated the Indian constitution, which gives immunity from criminal proceedings to the President, Governor or Rajpramukh (titular head of state). The 70-year-old Nizam is Rajpramukh of Hyderabad.

The case arose about a year ago when a young lawyer filed a petition alleging that the Nizam was holding about 100 men, 300 women and an unknown number of boys and girls against their will in his fabulous palace. The District Magistrate then ordered a police investigation but the Police Commissioner pointed out that the Nizam was immune from criminal proceedings.

Histadrut at ICFTU Meeting 'as Equals'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — "Perhaps for the first time, we came to an international conference not in order to get a good word for the country, but as equals in our own right," was the theme of a report on the recent conference of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Vienna, given by Mr. M. Namir, Secretary General of the Histadrut, Mr. R. Barkatt, and Mr. N. Bar-Ya'acov of its Political Department, at a Press conference here today.

The Histadrut delegation participated in all the general discussions, Mr. Namir said, but it also presented the country's case as to its position in the Middle East. Attention was directed inwards aiding and establishing Asian trade unions and towards the undeveloped areas of the world to a degree unprecedented in the five-year history of the Confederation.

The coming merger of the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organizations means that their delegation will have a powerful influence in the proceedings of the Confederation, he stated.

Mr. Barkatt, who participated in the discussions on Asia and the Middle East, having visited the Far East a number of times, said that delegates were worried about the existing political vacuum in the Arab countries. Five Arab trade union organizations were represented, he went on, those of Egypt, the Lebanon, Morocco, Libya and Tunisia. The latter established friendly relations with the Histadrut delegation.

The Histadrut, Mr. Barkatt continued, was the seventh largest trade union organization in the non-Soviet world, and perhaps the biggest in Asia, excluding China and Japan. The Histadrut was again elected to the 23-man executive committee and to the Standing Orders Committee which was increased from 13 members to 12 in order to include the Histadrut. None of the Arab delegations opposed the nominations. Altogether 82 delegates attended the conference.

Mr. Bar-Ya'acov stressed the Confederation's increasing concern with world affairs and particularly with the undeveloped areas, for which a special board was set up on the suggestion of the U.S. delegation.

'Israel Students Should Be Sent to Far East'

Hundreds of Israel students should be sent to Asian countries (particularly India and Japan) for advance study as a step in overcoming the widespread ignorance of Israel which prevails in that area.

This proposal was made by Mr. David Hacohen, former Minister to Burma, at a round-table discussion on "Israel and the Asian Countries," broadcast over Kol Yisrael last night. Participating in the discussion were Mr. Ishar Harari, M.K., Mr. Reuven Barkatt, head of the Histadrut's Political Department, Dr. Moshe Keren, of "Ha'aretz," and Dr. Asriel Carlebach, editor of "Ma'ariv."

Although all speakers agreed that Israel should aim to achieving the best possible relations with Asian countries, most of them were of the opinion that the presence of hundreds of millions of Moslems in that area would hinder this development for a long time.

The view was expressed that Israel's relations with the West were more immediately important, and that ties with the Asian countries should be planned on a long-term basis.

Mr. Harari emphasized that Israel "could bring Asian countries all the advantages of the West with none of its disadvantages."

Mr. Barkatt, who returned recently from Japan, stated that "insofar as there exists in Asia a progressive social movement," it saw in the work of the Israel labour movement a symbol and an example.

Dr. Carlebach disagreed with an opinion which had been expressed during the discussion that Asia's tremendous manpower would one day make her ruler of the world. "It seems to me that in the atomic age, one cannot speak of the power of man . . . we are living in a period where machines and scientific instruments, not men, are the rulers."

World Team of Scholars Studying Ancient Scrolls

MONTREAL, Sunday (Reuter). — An international team of scholars from Britain, France and America is working on the identification of thousands of ancient Hebrew and Aramaic scrolls found in caves by the Dead Sea, Dr. R.H. Scott of McGill University reported here.

McGill University has bought some of the scrolls and Dr. Scott has examined them in Jordan. He said the scrolls included parts of books of the Old Testament and Apocryphal books not previously known to exist.

Soviets Offer to Send Experts to Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sunday (Reuter). — A Soviet trade delegation which left for Cairo today after a week's stay in the Sudan suggested Russia should supply experts for Sudanese development in place of British and other foreign officials being replaced under the country's "Sudanization" policy, it was reported here.

(Under the Sudanization policy foreign officials are being replaced by Sudanese or by foreigners other than Egyptians or British when no qualified Sudanese are available. The Sudan is in the second year of a three-year period at the end of which it will decide between independence and union with Egypt. "Sudanization" is to be completed by the end of July.)

Meanwhile, a payments agreement has been reached between the Sudan and East Germany, starting immediately, to end trade between the two countries, it has been announced.

Kurt Morisel, leader of the East German delegation which ended a five-day stay here on Friday, said East Germany wanted to buy Sudanese cotton, oilseeds, gum arabic and other goods in exchange for machinery, railway equipment, sugar and light industrial products.

Editor of Weekly To Apologize

The editor of "Panim el Panim" weekly, Mr. Pinhas Peli, yesterday agreed to publish a public apology for alleging that Mr. Yehuda Levin, editor of "Hamodia" daily, had plagiarized Hassidic stories from the writings of Professor Martin Buber.

The agreement, signed before Magistrate Y. Weiner and bearing the validity of a court ruling, provides that Mr. Peli is to publish public retractions in both "Panim el Panim" and in "Ha'aretz" daily. The cost of the latter is to be paid equally by Mr. Levin and Mr. Peli.

Mr. E. Meridor appeared for Mr. Levin and Mr. Ben Or for Mr. Peli. *(Tilm.)*

Miss Europe Elected After Week's Contest

HELSINKI, Sunday (Reuter). — More than 5,000 spectators packed Helsinki's Exhibition Hall yesterday evening to see 23-year-old chestnut-haired Inga Britt Soederberg of Finland elected Miss Europe. Miss Turkey, Suna Soley, 18, was second and Miss France, Monique Lambert also 18, was third.

Beautiful girls from 18 nations took part in the contest, many of them mannequins and models.

Miss Soederberg will receive a big silver cup, a two-month modelling tour, a one-week stay in a big Paris hotel, clothes and perfumes donated by a Paris fashion house and a surprise gift donated by Finland to be announced later. With Hollywood talent scouts watching the contest, there is also the prospect of a film career.

The new Miss Europe is 56 kilos and is 165 centimetres tall. She had been working at Helsinki Post Office, but obtained a post as mannequin shortly after she had been elected Miss Finland. The contest lasted seven days.

NOS. 01972, 00856, 00970, 00278, 00871 and 00281, which won prizes at the Ball held by the Society for the Rehabilitation of Prisoners in Savion on June 4, have not yet been claimed.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

482, 240, 32.3 & 49.9 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 6.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including news): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 M. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Overture "Benvenuto Cellini," (Berlioz)); Harp Concerto (Gliere); "Alsatian Sketches" (Massenet). 1.45 Light Notes (R). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.15 Drama (R). 4.40 Vocal Recital: Josef Polish. 5.00 Berchaley Torah. 5.15 Child's Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 6.00 Folktales. 7.00 Opera (R). 7.35 Hamemshiha Anniversary. 7.40 Talk. 8.15 Bible Reading. 8.30 Newsreel. 9.00 Curtain Up. 9.45 "Chamber Music": Played by the Pitsichuk Quartet: String Quartet in F-sharp minor (Reger). 10.30 Requests (R). 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

467, 480, 395, 210, 49.9 & 30.3 M. English News: 1.45, 10 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.4, 34.9 & 469 M.): 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 7.50 Ladino. 8.00 Advanced Hebrew. 8.15 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): (South African Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 From the Federation. 6.45 Visitor of Israel. 7.00 On Behalf of Israel. 7.15 Choir. Drama. 12.00 p.m. News. 12.10 Negro Review. 11.30 Many Hebrew Conversations.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 215, 220 & 200 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Fantasy. 7.00 Requests (Hebrew Songs). 7.30 Among the Plays. 8.00 Zahal's Orchestra. 8.30 News. 8.45 Concert. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.42, 16.46, 25.15 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News, News talks. Echoes from the World.

A Matter of Love and Death

By AMRAM AKRISH

HAIFA, Sunday. — The trial of four Arab residents charged with the premeditated murder of Saleh Murad, 65, on February 20, 1954, continued in the District Court here today. The accused pleaded not guilty.

Near the Shell bridge in Haifa, in the "Hut District" suburb, Arab workers from Galilee villages who found jobs in the town, have made their home for many years. In 1927, a baby girl, Na'ameh, was born there to her mother, Fatma. About the same time, in another hut, Ali, a baby boy, was born to a second woman, who was unable to suckle her son. Fatma took pity on the infant Ali and offered to suckle him together with her own Na'ameh. She nursed the child for two years, until he was weaned and returned to his own parents' hut.

The years passed. Na'ameh grew into a comely young woman who attracted the youths in the district. Several of them competed for her hand. But her father, appreciating that in Na'ameh he had at last come into some valuable property, set her price high and demanded over IL1,000.

The bargaining began. But, Na'ameh, against of her monetary value, fell in love with Ali. When the secret lovers noticed that the bargain was about to go awry, they decided to elope. On February 1954 they had to abandon village near Nazareth. Na'ameh's father, finding his property had fled, called the police and charged that his daughter had been kidnapped. The police investigated but decided that Na'ameh had left of her own free will, and decided not to intervene.

Brother and Sister

Na'ameh's father did not give up hope of recovering his asset. He appealed to Ali's father, but the latter refused to intervene. He appealed to the Moslem religious court in Acre and the Kadi ruled that in the eyes of the law of Islam, a boy and girl who had been nursed from the same breast are brother and sister. Ali and Na'ameh thus could not marry. Na'ameh's father took the written judgment to Ali's father. The latter again refused to intervene.

On February 10, 1954, Na'ameh's father held an assembly of counsel in his hut. Among the counsellors were two young men who had competed for Na'ameh's hand. Their anger at having their prize taken from under their very noses while they were saving enough money to buy her, was still hot.

That night a certain decision was made. Before it was over, at dawn on February 20, Saleh Murad, the 65-year-old father of Ali, was murdered. His killers used an axe and a revolver for the deed. Soon police arrested Shehadeh Ahmed, 60, Na'ameh's father; Taha Mahmoud, 30, and Mohammed Amine, 21, the two competitors for Na'ameh's hand; and Tayeb Hilman, 31, Mahmoud's brother.

The police say that the first three admitted their guilt but the latter denied any part in the murder. The four men are now facing the Haifa District Court, (Judge E. Sosay, President) charged with premeditated murder. Their lawyers, Mr. Nimr Nasser and Dr. Yona Bogot, claim that their confessions were forced from them by Police. The Court will hand down its decision shortly.

Revenge

Meanwhile Ali was brooding over his father's blood that had been spilled. Should he avenge it? Time was passing and the murderers, (unlike the District Court, Ali had no use for testimony and proofs) were sheltered by the thick walls of their prison. Should he forget his love and avenge his father's blood; or let his father's blood trouble his sleep, compelled by the presence of Na'ameh? Several months passed before he made up his mind.

During the night of November 1, 1954, he returned to the District of the Huts, a loaded revolver in his pocket, the police charge. With two shots, they say, he killed the relative of the murderers who was not being sheltered in prison — Na'ameh's mother, the woman who had given him suck from her own breast.

The vengeance done, Ali fled to Judea. The Police soon arrested him hiding place and charged him with deliberate murder. In July, Ali too will face the dock of the District Court.

Now, Na'ameh too has returned home to mourn her mother. The eldest daughter, she is looking after her six small brothers dressed in black for her mother, her Ali and her happiness.

Fatma is dead. Ali is awaiting trial. His father is dead. Na'ameh's father and suitors are being tried. But honour is avenged, blood did not cry in vain.

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★ Exhibitions: —
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition of the Israel pavillion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6.

Department of Antiquities special exhibition: Restoration of a Ghassanite Temple on the southern coast of Naharayim (XVIIth-XVIth centuries (B.C.E.). 29 Rehov Salomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

"Mistery" by Georges Rouault. In the Bezalel Shulman Hall: American Contemporary Paintings, Exhibit of the Month: Vase Ceramic, Gold Lustre, Kashan School (Persia) 13th century. (New acquisition of the Museum). Bezalel Museum. 9-1, 4-6.

Paintings by Pinhas Ahuvovitz and Jerusalem artists. 10-1, 4-7, Artists House.

Paintings by Jacques Heller and Sculptures by Jacob Lorw, "Mora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue, 10-1, 4-6.

★ Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration buildings, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Show: —
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors. 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions: —
1) Aaron Priver — Sculptures. 2) Leuba Pasbo (Venice, Italy) — Paintings. 3) Rubin (Retrospective Exhibition), Museum, 10-1 4-7.

★ Theatre: —
Cameri Theatre, "As You Like It." Cameri Theatre Hall, 8 p.m.

Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon," Habimah, 8.30 p.m.

Ohel, "They Knew What They Wanted."

HAIFA

★ Theatre: —
Dizgan-Shmueliov (popular price) Mat Cinema, — 8.30 p.m.

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Idiache Folks Bine with Dinka Blumfeld and Jonas Turkov in "Ostrovlin," Tiferet, 9 p.m.

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★ Theatre: —
Dina Halpern, (from U.S.A.) in "Frut Kegn Frut," 8.30 p.m.

BAT ASHKELON

★ Theatre: —
Habimah, "The Caine Mutiny." 8.30 p.m.

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3 New Records At Hapoel Meet

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Three new National athletic records were established at the Hapoel track and field championships at the Maccabia Stadium here yesterday.

A new 1,500 metres record was set by Na'aow Borenstein, of Mikmoret Hagoel, when he ran the distance in 4:11.6 secs. He finished two metres behind the winner, the Swedish student, Birger Wiklund, who clocked 4 mins. 09 secs.

Borenstein also broke the 5,000 metre record with the new time of 16 mins. 25.5 secs. The previous record was 15 mins. 36.6 secs. He took the lead from Wiklund at 5,000 metres whereupon the Swedish runner dropped out, the heavy shorts probably too much for him.

The third record was created in the javelin throw by Edna Medalia, of Tel Aviv Hapoel with 36.65 metres.

U.S. Wins at Kent Grass Court Champs.

BECKENHAM, (England), Sunday. (UP). — Miss Louise Brough, United States, won the women's singles event of the Kent Grass Court Lawn Tennis Championships here yesterday, beating in the final Miss Mary Carter, of Australia, 6-2, 6-4.

The men's singles title went to Tony Trabert, who beat Herbert Flam, in an all-American final.

The final of the men's doubles was won by the United States team of Tony Trabert and Gil Shea, who beat the South African team of Abe Segal and Ian Vermaak, 8-6, 6-1.

The women's doubles event went to Miss Dora Killian and Mrs. H. Redick-Smith, South Africa, who beat the English pair, Miss Angela Buxton and Miss Pat Hird, 6-2, 6-4 in the final.

Avidan Beats Davidman Again

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — For the second time this year, Arieh Avidan, the Israel national and international tennis champion, defeated Elinar Davidman, last year's No. 1 player, when they met in a League A match yesterday, Avidan winning a tight game by 1-6, 6-3, 8-6.

This win strengthens Avidan's position as undisputed champion, as he did not defend his title in the recent national championships in Haifa. Yesterday's match was seen as something of a substitute for this.

Certainly, had Davidman, now doing his Army service, won this needle game — as seemed a distinct possibility after the first set — the new champion's position would have been much weakened.

Tel Aviv Maccabi by beating by 4-2 their local rivals, North Tel Aviv, for whom Avidan plays, made sure of gaining first place in League A. The last matches in League A and B will take place next Saturday.

IMPORTS OF SPARE PARTS

A proposal granting to various manufacturers automatic import licences for spare parts for their machinery, according to the size of the enterprise, is being considered by the Ministry of Finance and will be passed on for consideration to other economic Ministries.

The scheme will be made possible due to the easier foreign currency situation.

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Craftsmen Can Get Help in Haifa

HAIFA, Sunday. — A Technical Advisory Office for Craftsmen, to guide artisans, solve their technical problems and generally raise standards of workmanship, has been formed here by the Labour Ministry, the Artisans Association, the Tochnion, the Manufacturers Association, the Engineers and Architects Association, the Histadrut and Haifa Rotary, which initiated the scheme.

The Advisory Office which has at its disposal a variety of workshops and laboratories catering for various trades, is based mainly on the Swedish handwerkshitzut. The Stockholm Institute and the Swedish Artisans Association have promised their support.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
at 2.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
ARNON: Shield for Murder.
EDEN: Brigadoon. 2nd week.
EDISON: Juliette.
ORNA: Dancer in the House. 2nd week.
ORION: Giuseppe Verdi.
ORGIL: So Big. 2nd Week.
SON: The Great Sioux Uprising.
STUDIO: Notis.
TEL ON: Pushkin.
ZION HALL: Living is Up.

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At 2.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
ALLENBY: L'Espoir Public No. 1.
ESTHER: Kiss Me Kate. 2nd week.
HATMID: The Forest's Tales. 10 a.m. till 11 p.m.
MOGRABI: The Egyptian.
OPHIR: 81 Versailles m'etait conte. 2nd week.
ORION: Dial M for Murder. 2nd week.
SHDEROTH: Paludin the Clouds with Sunshine.
TAMAR: The Man Between. 2nd week. Also continuous: 9.45 a.m.-1.45 p.m.
YAKON: "Le Mouton a 5 Pattes."

HAIFA
HAMIR: "Sous Laisser D'Adresse." 2nd week.
ORLY: Rasbounine.
SEDOM: Abbot and Costello Meet Captain Kid.
ORION: Blowing Wild.
ATZMON: Rhapsody. 2nd week.
PERES: All Hats and Six to Thieves.
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England Level With India in Davis Cup

MANCHESTER, Sunday (UP). —Heavy rain interrupted the conclusion of the final singles match between Britain and India in the European Zone Davis Cup quarter-final here yesterday when Naresh Kumar, India, was leading Britain's Tony Mottram 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

Earlier, in the first singles match of the day, Britain's Roger Becker scored a 13-11, 6-3, 6-4 win over India's Ramanthan Krishnan to level the score two-all.

Officials said that the decisive match will be resumed on Monday afternoon.

At Copenhagen, Italy beat Denmark in the European Zone Davis Cup quarter-final by winning the doubles match making the score 3-0.

Nicolas Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola beat Kurt Nielsen and Torben Ulrich in straight sets 16-14, 6-3, 6-1.

Meanwhile at Saltsjobaden, Sweden, France took a 3-1 lead in another Davis Cup European quarter-final zone against Sweden. The French doubles team of Marcel Bernard and Paul Remy beat Sven Davidson and Ulf Schmidt 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

Belgium was leading Chile 2-1, at Brussels in a European Zone Davis Cup quarter-final, after Jackie Brichant and Philippe Washer beat Luis Ayala and Adreas Hammersley 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Amazing De Lamase Wins French Title

CHANTILLY, (France), Sunday. (UP). — Henri De Lamase, of France won his sixth French amateur international golf crown yesterday with a five and four victory over young Don Zieplinghoff (U.S.).

De Lamase's triumph ruined American hopes of sweeping Europe's two major amateur golf titles. La Joe Conrad (U.S.), who was beaten by De Lamase in the semifinals, won the British championship last week.

The 36-year-old Frenchman, regarded virtually as unbeatable on his home turf at Chantilly, forged a 3-up lead over Zieplinghoff on the morning 18 holes and then maintained his top-flight golf to close out the match on the 32nd hole.

It was the second straight year that De Lamase had beaten an American in the final. Last year he beat Clarke Hardwicke of Los Angeles, 4 and 3.

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4½% Gov. Bds. (Large)	99
4% Reg. Sterling "A" c)	105
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	95
Pal. Electric Bds. Ser. 5	105
6% Loanst ord. sh. d)	100
A.P.E. Investm. ord. sh. "B" c)	
Gazit ord. sh. "B" d)	1095
Hilton's Inv. ord. "B"	102
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	105
Ata. Textile ord. sh.	101
Discount Bank 25/25	91
Ntr 6% Debs. (bear)	92
Isr. prof. sh.	744
Pass 6% debs. 60/64 reg	94
"Tara" 5% debs.	100
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	1577
7% debs.	971
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	903
Shikun 6% prof. ord sh.	936
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	270
"A" ord shares	102
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Jer.)	—
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Lam)	—
Elsworth pref. sh.	264
Ata ord. "B" sh.	98
5-6% conv. debs.	1300
"Mordanok" ord. "B" sh	941
7% conv. debs. 59/66	1331
Mashbir 6% conv. deb.	1764
Pal.-Brewery (Nacon) sh.	1020
Assia Building "B" sh.	98
"Teva" ord. sh.	335
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	1113
6% conv. debs. "B" A)2)3)	113
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ord. sh. reg. (full div.)	145
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Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-dividend; e) ex right 2) Prutot; y) 15 & 16.12

CHIEF. — Brig.-Gen. George F. Schlatter will arrive in Dhahran later this month to be the new Chief of the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group in Saudi Arabia.

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FORECAST: No change in sight.

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Mt. Canaan	13	26	37	37
Tiberias	—	35	42	42
Haifa Port	22	29	31	31
Natanya	22	29	31	31
Tel Aviv Kirya	20	31	31	31
Tel Aviv Port	21	31	31	31
Lydda Airport	18	31	33	33
Jerusalem	12	27	27	27
Beersheba	12	28	37	37
Sdom	30	36	—	—
Eilat	4	39	47	47

*(A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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MATRICULATION examinations for secondary school students will be held from June 20 to July 10.

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BEIT HAHISTADRUT, now being built in Rehov Strauss in Jerusalem, is scheduled to be completed by May 1, 1958, Histadrut circles state. Sections of the building will be utilized before that date.

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MORE THAN 5,200 persons have visited the "Vision and Realization" exhibition organized by the Government Information and Civic Education Services during the five days it was open at Beersheba. The exhibition will now be shown at four Negev settlements.

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ACCUSED OF beating his 80-year-old grandfather, Nahum Ben-Nahum, 36, appeared before Magistrate H. Steinberg in Tel Aviv yesterday and was ordered to be detained for four days prior to being returned to the mental home in which he had previously been hospitalized.

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SUSPECTED of having stolen two microscopes from the Kupat Holim clinic in Petah Tikva, a 23-year-old resident was remanded in custody for 15 days yesterday. The accused's request for psychiatric examination was granted by the Magistrate.

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BUSTANI "BUSH" Saha, the "King of Sha'arayim" in Rehovot was sentenced to six months in prison in Tel Aviv yesterday for having attacked and beaten a boy in October, 1954. "Bushi" is serving an extended sentence in Ramle Prison for an attack on a number of policemen, and will have to do the additional six months after completing his present prison term.

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THE EIGHTH Histadrut conference will be held after the Knesset elections, the Histadrut Central Committee decided yesterday.

Haim Alexander Gets 'President's Prize'

The President's Prize of IL500 for the best choral composition in the competition arranged by the Hazamir organization, was handed to the composer, Mr. Haim Alexander, at a ceremony at Beit Hanassi yesterday.

Mr. Alexander gave the President the score of his prize-winning piece, "For the Sake of Zion I Shall Not Forget."

The President also received the representatives of the Hazamir organization which arranges the Zimria choral festival: Dr. Y. Cohen, Dr. Y. Spiro, Mr. M. Markus, Mr. S. Kaplan and Mr. A. Propes, as well as the winners of the Ministry of Education and the Jewish Agency prizes: Messrs Y. Admon and M. Amiran.

Mr. Ben-Zvi also received Mr. Alfredo Korn, President of the United Israel Appeal in Argentina.

On Saturday, he received for kiddush the representatives of the Hashakhava students organization founded in Budapest in 1903 on the initiative of Theodor Herzl.

Graziers Get Advice On Seeking Credits

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — Farmers should not rely on Government credits for enlarging their beef-cattle herds, but seek the funds they need elsewhere, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Y. Ophrati, and the Ministry's Director General, Mr. E. Gvati, told the Ambal beef-cattle breeders association during a conference at the Na'aman cattle range today. The Ministry would help only with the purchase of Arab cattle for the formation of new mother herds, some of the smaller beef cattle growers did not rely on natural pasture, but fed their animals on expensive fodder. Therefore, only large herds could receive support, they said.

They were replying to the plea of Ambal's chairman, Mr. Yehoshua Porter, for Government credits to enable the association's members to buy up Arab cattle now on the market in substantial numbers because of the drought. Arab cattle crossbred with Hereford bulls produced excellent beef cattle.

The conference was held on the occasion of the marketing of the first 100 calves raised on the range, a collective enterprise of the settlements in the area. The range, set up less than three years ago, covers 1,600 dunams of pasture land reclaimed from the Na'aman swamps. Another 1,500 dunams are to be reclaimed this year, and the herd increased from 420 heads to 1,000 if the investment capital can be found.

New Village On Map of Lachish

LACHISH, Sunday. — A new settlement was added to the map of Israel today when, at noon, a group of families from the Atlas Mountains of Morocco moved into Moshav Eytan, five kilometres from the junction of the Faluja and Beersheba highways.

As in the case of the other two settlements established recently in the area, the settlers of Eytan found wooden huts ready for them and others to serve as synagogue, school, kindergarten and cooperative shop. Water for drinking and building purposes was laid on.

The fourth immigrant village, Shahar, will be set up in the area at the end of this month. Including the two Nahal settlements of Lachish and Amiad, it will be the sixth village in the new region, apart from the training farms at Haruvit, Masrifa and Revvim.

N. African Newcomers

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday.—A large group of North African immigrants arrived in the s.s. Artza and were sent to work villages, agricultural settlements and development areas all over the country. The Artza also brought 121 tourists and returning residents.

A doctor from Mexico who came as a halutz and is joining Kibbutz Megiddo of Hashomer Hatzair was aboard the vessel. The same ship also brought five other halutzim from Mexico who are joining Hashomer Hatzair settlements, and one immigrant each from Australia, Canada and the U.S.; seven elderly persons from Poland and four from Hungary who are joining their families here; four newcomers from Germany and two from Persia.

Peace Disturbed Again By Safad Workers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD, Sunday. — Apparently incited by political agitators, the Mata'at Hashomia workers again created disorder here this morning, blocking the road and stopping other workers from travelling to their out-of-town jobs. They are protesting against the reduced wages of IL4,760 a day for emergency work, against the deduction of travel expenses from their pay and for the refund of what was docked from their wages last week.

All attempts by public figures here to calm them failed. The town's police chief pleaded in vain with them to let the other workers go out to their jobs and to go home themselves. Finally, the police used force and dispersed them, and they then agreed to go to work themselves. Later in the day, Labour Council secretaries and three workers left for Tel Aviv to press for revision of the wage rate at the Histadrut Executive and to get a refund of the travel expenses.

The Labour Exchange and the Histadrut offices were closed today, and the police were on stand-by orders.

'Capital Transfers' Being Studied

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Most of the "capital transfers" within the framework of "Ha'oleh Hamashkiya" imports are illegal, it is learned from Treasury sources, who stated that the whole matter was now under study. Results of this study will be forwarded to the Government and the Jewish Agency.

The arrangement does not principally benefit the immigrants who transfer their modest means; rather, it is serving to finance transactions of luxury goods importers, these sources stated.

It will be recalled that this arrangement, which permits the transfer of funds in the form of goods (up to a total of $20,000) was initiated a year ago in the framework of Investment Centre operations.

Investigation and analysis of imports until now have revealed that only a small portion of these transfers are for the immigrants' own use. The major portion is actually a new form of import without payment. In addition, Treasury sources have stated that in some cases immigrants have sold their import licenses for up to as much as $10,000.

Statistics for the first three months of this year show that in January, goods to the value of $21,000 were imported; in February, $178,000 and in March, $174,000.

WIFE WHO DESERTS MATE MAY GET HER LEGACY

A wife who is declared by the Rabbinical Court to have deserted her husband is still entitled to her share of his legacy, the Supreme Court sitting as the Court of Civil Appeal in Jerusalem ruled yesterday.

The Court was composed of Justices Olshan, President, and Justices Silberg and Landau.

(A detailed account of the Supreme Court's judgment will be given in a forthcoming Law Report.)

LIST LOSES MEMBERS FOR LACK OF SUPPORT

The four members of the Israel list who have already resigned, did so because they failed to receive the support promised them by "various prominent persons," Mr. Meir Peled, one of the group, told The Jerusalem Post last night on behalf of himself and his colleagues.

14 Road Deaths Last Month

Jerusalem Post Bureau

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — Fourteen persons were killed and 241 injured, 135 of them severely, in the 1,201 road accidents last month, Chief Superintendent of Police, Yehuda Gur, head of the Traffic Section at police headquarters, announced here today. Prior to his departure for the U.S. he is a course of studies.

Mr. Gur said that the increase over the previous month was no doubt due to the marked rise in temperatures and the almost continuous wave of shrubs which haunted the Sharon and prolonged the reaction of drivers in any emergency. Accident figures for April were seven killed and 404 injured.

Following the recent drive to educate pedestrians in correct road usage, police here are to begin a punitive campaign this week. Pedestrians who violate the law will be brought before extraordinary sessions of the Magistrate's Court and dealt with within minutes of having committed their offence. Special attention will be paid to offenders who ignore traffic signals at controlled road crossings and who walk in the road where pavements are available.

If It's Hot— Taps'll Run Dry

Water shortages can be expected to continue today in Jerusalem if the heat wave with its resulting increase in consumption, continues. Householders are reminded to conserve water as much as possible.

The weathermen held out no hope for lower temperatures anywhere in the country today.

Yesterday, approximately 18,500 cubic metres of water were pumped to the capital, a Municipal spokesman stated. Although this is several thousand cubic metres short of the quantity demanded during heat waves, it is 2,000 to 3,000 cubic metres more than was received a week ago when several quarters were without water for three to four days.

The Water Department is to bring water in tankers to high buildings. Those buildings are the last to receive water during a general distribution and if a shortage exists, do not receive it at all.

Despite the intense shortage in Jerusalem, only a few heat casualties were handled by the Magen David Adom yesterday. Two persons collapsed as a result of heat-stroke, while another was treated for a bleeding nose. They were all sent home after first aid treatment.

Extremely pleased about the heat wave were ice cream and cold drink vendors, who reported booming trade. An ice vendor told The Jerusalem Post that he was selling 8-10 blocks daily during the shorter as compared with an average of 150 blocks for a normal day.

In view of the hot weather, the time of the opening ceremony of the Civil Servants Rest Centre at Mata Yitzkiah on Wednesday has been changed from 4.30 to 6 p.m. At 5.30 p.m. there will be a tour of the Centre.

Court Orders Examination Of Agent's Accounts

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The accounts of a Ramat Gan estate agent, Y. Beit-Halahmi, were ordered to be examined by Judge Y. Lamm in the District Court here today. He also approved a suggestion that the bankrupt agent's debtors be asked through the Press to come forward and make their claims.

The Receiver, Dr. M. Yishai, asked for time to ascertain the whereabouts of the property owned by Beit-Halahmi and for permission to keep open the agent's office so that clients could be dealt with. He asked the Court to approve the resultant expenditures.

Dr. Yishai, whose report formed the basis for the Court's decisions, presented to the Court a list of some 80 persons who are claiming approximately IL126,000 from Beit-Halahmi. There were claims on his estate from two banks amounting to approximately IL32,000, and other outstanding bills totalling IL62,000.

Beit-Halahmi, who was absent from today's proceedings, was ordered through the Receiver to appear for the next sitting of the Court on August 20. *(Itim)*

More Milk, Eggs, Vegetables Produced

More than 17.8m. litres of milk, nearly 73m. eggs, 21,464 tons of vegetables, and 9,447 tons of potatoes were supplied to local markets during January and February, according to the monthly Bulletin of the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research.

The figures show a 17 per cent increase in milk production, a 30 per cent higher egg yield, 60 per cent more vegetables and 109 per cent more potatoes as compared with the same months last year.

According to the same bulletin, the building cost index for February stood at 377.2 points, while the average daily unemployment rate dropped from 13,400 in January to 12,800 in February.

The wholesale price index rose from 1,288 points in February to 1,310 in March.

BAKERS ASKED TO DELAY ACTION

Bakers who are threatening a nation-wide strike unless higher bread prices are granted, have been asked not to take any "hasty action" until the report of the Bread Committee is published, a spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry stated yesterday.

The Committee, which among other things is dealing with bread prices, is due to finish its work within a few days, the spokesman added.

HOSTEL CORNERSTONE

The cornerstone of a student hostel at the site of the new Hebrew University campus on Givat Ram will be laid at a ceremony to take place at 6 p.m. today. The funds for the hostel are being provided by the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa whose founder and Honorary Life President, Mrs. Toni Sapiro, will participate in the ceremony.

FOR POSING as a policewoman in order to persuade an Egged driver to travel more quickly, Miss P. Pedlin of Tel Aviv was fined IL10 by Chief Magistrate Z. Aluf in Ramle yesterday.

Gadna Taking TV Film to America

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—When the five Gadna Air cadets chosen to visit the U.S. leave for Atlantic next month, they will take with them a 15-minute film, "Way to the Skies," which will be shown on television there. A 70mm print, produced for the Air Force by Geva Films, was shown to high-ranking officers of the Air Force, including the Chief of Administration, at the company's Givat Ramban studio here this evening.

The film, which will have its first public showing during the Haifa Festival, will have continuations in English and Hebrew. Later, it will be exhibited all over the country as part of a Gadna recruiting drive. The Director is Natan Gross and the script writer, Rav Seren Moshe Adar, editor of the Air Force magazine.

A special record of U Nu's recent visit to Israel is being made by Geva for the Government for distribution abroad. A copy of the film will be sent to Burma, Mr. I. Agadati, co-editor of the company, told The Jerusalem Post.

Rules on Flight Said Needed

A recommendation that the authorities formulate safety regulations governing the altitude of planes spraying fields was voiced yesterday in Jerusalem by Magistrate Y. Bazak.

Mr. Bazak, sitting as coroner, was investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Gavriel Katalo, 28, of Kibbutz Shoval in the Negev, who was killed by a low-flying plane in January, 1954, while guiding the plane's pilot, his companion, Mr. Shlomo Sutiah, was slightly injured.

Police, who had begun an investigation into the cause of the accident, closed the case when the pilot was killed in a subsequent airplane crash.

Strong Impression

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mrs. M. Cohen, 39, will have good cause to remember the name "Ben-Yehuda." While walking in the street of that name here today, a piece of iron, which fell from the balcony of Mr. A. Ben-Yehuda struck her on the head. She was taken to hospital for treatment, while Mr. Ben-Yehuda, who was repairing the balcony, was taken into custody by the police. *(Itim)*

Prison Sentences For Attempted Assault

HAIFA, Sunday. — Two youths were given prison sentences of six and 18 months respectively here today for attempted rape of a Girl Guide. Judge Shalom Kassan, Relieving President of the District Court, imposed the jail terms despite a recommendation by the prosecutor for suspended sentences.

During the night of the New Year festival two years ago, Mohammed Mustafa Hussein, 18, and Mohammed Ahmed Mustafa, 20, abducted a 17-year-old Girl Guide instructor at a youth centre on Ruppin Road here, after all the other girls had left, and tried to rape her. She struggled with them, and when her screams brought passers-by to the scene, the two assailants fled but later were apprehended.

NO DOUBLE TAXATION BETWEEN ITALY, ISRAEL

Letters constituting an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation between the governments of Israel and Italy were exchanged on Friday between Mr. W. Eytan, Director-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and the Italian Minister, Benedetto Cagonazza, Marchese di Calpolattaro.

The agreement provides for the reciprocal exemption from income tax and all other taxes on income derived from the exercise of shipping activities and the operation of aircraft services.

U.S. COLLEGE STUDENTS TO TOUR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sunday (JNA). — A total of 106 college-age Americans will leave here at the end of June and July for a seven-week study tour of Israel under the auspices of the Jewish Agency.

The group, known as the Israel Summer Institute, will depart in three planeloads, the first taking off on June 30, the second on July 1 and the third on July 8. All will return to the U.S. early in September.

Israel Scouts Leave For World Jamboree

HAIFA, Sunday. — A group of nine Boy Scouts including a Catholic and a Moslem, who are on their way to the Eighth Scout Jamboree to be held in Canada in August, were among the 350 passengers who left for the U.S. in the s.s. Jerusalem today. It is the first time that this country will be represented at this international Jamboree. It was originally scheduled to be held in Syria but the venue was shifted to Ontario, partly to enable Israel to attend.

The boys who represent 16,000 Israel Scouts and Girl Guides in the newly-formed Israel Scout Confederation, will first tour the U.S., where they were invited by scout troops and will be guests at summer camps to which they were invited by the Young Judea organization. They will also meet Jewish, Catholic and Moslem representatives in the U.S.

Each Scout paid IL400 towards his fare, some with the help of their troops, the rest of the expenses being met by contributions from the Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs, the Municipalities, and the Jewish Agency. The Scouts were seen off by Mr. Geoffrey Brute of the Canadian Embassy.

Farewell speeches were read by Jewish and Catholic Scout organizers in the country to the scouts, who replied in unison "Todah rabah."

The nine Scouts are: Evi Koren, Arieh Loya, Na'im Mansour, Farid Nahlah, Raami Arbitman, Moshe Ben Jacob, Nadav Kafzenelson, Dan Sack and Moshe Ephroni.

Miss Edita de Philippe, of the Israel National Opera, also left in the ship. She told reporters that she was going to Hollywood, where a book she had written would be filmed. She declined to reveal the name of the book but said she would return to Israel.

$75,000 for Women's Student Centre of H.U.

NEW YORK, Sunday (JNA). — Before departing for Israel today, Mrs. William Prince, President of the Women's League for Israel, turned over a cheque for $75,000 to the U.S. Friends of the Hebrew University. This is payment towards the $250,000 Students Residence Centre for Women that the W.L.I. had recently undertaken.

Mrs. Prince and other leaders of the group will officiate on July 9 in Israel at the ceremonies for laying the cornerstone of the Centre.

PETAH TIKVA BUDGET

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — The Municipal budget, with IL3,622,400 revenue and IL2,976,000 expenditure, was approved at today's local Council meeting.

Jokes Out of Place in this School

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"When I enlivened dull class work with a joke, the students put down their books and admonish me to get on with the lesson," said Mr. Moshe Hillman, headmaster of the Histadrut-sponsored Evening High-School for Working Youth in Jerusalem. "I still don't know when they find time to do their homework. Most of them work seven hours a day and come here straight from work, without even a hot meal, for another five hours on school benches. When one falls asleep, which is rare, his companions prod him."

The school, started in 1942 and fully accredited by the Ministry of Education and Culture in 1953, now has 183 students, aged 14 to 18. Tuition costs IL60 to IL180 a year, depending on the class. Although this is about 50 per cent less than that charged at regular schools, it is an effort for most students to pay the fee.

Fifty-five students recently announced that they were the sole breadwinners in their families. Another 50 stated that they themselves were out of work. Many study on the sly, against the will of their parents, it was said.

If the school staff and the Histadrut have any complaints, they are levelled against the Ministry whose approved curricula does not fit the needs of working youth. The staff would rather teach more vocational subjects and fewer academic subjects.

ORDERED TO LEAVE HOME FOR BLIND

Mr. Zion Heiman, 20, who is blind, was yesterday ordered by Jerusalem Magistrate M. Wexler to leave the Institute for the Blind within a week.

Mr. S. Tolasia-Cohen, appearing for the Institute, stated that Mr. Heiman had been disturbing the orderly life of the home since he had been asked to leave two years ago upon reaching the maximum age.

He refuted the contention that Mr. Heiman could not leave until suitable accommodation were found, noting that he could return to live with his family.

The week's grace was granted at the request of Mr. Y. Kove, counsel for Mr. Heiman, who said that he hoped to obtain suitable accommodation from the social welfare authorities within that time. *(Itim)*

Talk on Rural Village Burials

A regional conference of representatives of rural settlements in the southern plain to organize burial arrangements in newcomers villages took place at the beginning of the month under the auspices of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

This is the first of a series of regional conferences planned by the Ministry. The next one, of the Northern settlements, will take place today in Haifa.

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Sixth of Population Changed Addresses

About one-sixth of the population changed addresses from May 1956 to December, 1956 according to figures released in the monthly bulletin of the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research. Between 250,000 and 300,000 persons filed changes of address notices during this time.

The birth rate among the minority groups in the country was reached at 40 per thousand, that of Moslems and Druze being 45 per thousand, while the Christian birth rate is 34 per thousand. This compares with the Jewish birth rate of 27 per thousand. The death rate among the minorities is 9.7 per thousand.

A total of 1,000 tourists, including 800 Jews were granted permanent resident permits in 1956.

Summer Courses For High School Teachers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three advanced courses — Geography and the Study of Israel, Civics, and Language Instruction and Hebrew Literature — will be available to secondary school teachers this summer in Jerusalem.

The programme is being sponsored jointly by the Ministry of Education and the Hebrew University's School of Education. On the faculty are University teachers and specialists from various fields.

The Geography and Study of Israel course, which will run from July 1 to July 13, including a two-day trip to the Judean Hills and the Coastal Plain. The fee for each course is IL10.

Classes in the structure of the Government and the problems of immigrant absorption are included in the Civics course to be held from July 17 to July 30.

Language Instruction and Hebrew Literature will be taught from July 15 to July 29.

Dormitory space in the Beit Hakeren Teachers Seminar may be reserved by writing to the School of Education by Wednesday. The fees are IL80 and IL90 for two and three week courses respectively.

Secondary school principals have been asked to forward the Ministry of Education and Culture achievement reports on all students who received scholarships during the past school year.

Each report must include the student's grades, the report of the grade adviser and the principal's recommendation.

Action Against Garbage Dump Threatened

Residents of the Givat Shaul quarter of Jerusalem, meeting on Friday, threatened to take legal action against the Municipality if the garbage dump there is not removed.

(A fortnight ago the Municipality decided to continue using the dump but to cover the garbage daily with a thin layer of earth, thus preventing the breeding of flies and eliminating the necessity of burning the garbage with resulting smoke and odours.)

The residents also threatened to stop paying rates and to demonstrate before the Ministry of Health if their demands are not met.

The dump, formerly near the Talpiot quarter, was moved from there on a court order.

Clerks Held On Bribery Charge

Two clerks employed by a book publishing firm were ordered detained for three days on Friday by Jerusalem Magistrate M. Halmovici on suspicion of bribing an official of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to grant an import licence.

Police state that a book importer paid them IL1,750 to obtain a licence for the import of IL55,000 worth of books from America. To get the licence, they gave the Ministry official part of their IL1,750 bonus.

ALL 'GRUSH VEGALGAL' TICKETS SOLD

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The last "Grush Vegalgal" lottery tickets were distributed here on Friday. The lottery was designed to increase sales in local shops and although the amount of receipts was still unknown, the lottery had served its purpose and even exceeded expectations, according to Mr. D. Bar-Yosef of the Merchants Association.

This year, all tickets are eligible for the draw.

SOVIET INFORMATION CENTRE IN CAIRO

The Egyptian government has agreed to a request of the Soviet Embassy in Cairo to open a Russian cultural and information centre, the first of its kind in the Middle East. It will be run on the lines of the US Information Centre, the Egyptian weekly, "Rose el-Youssef," reports in its latest issue.

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AGAINST FLIES and MOSQUITOES
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Gaza Peace Remote, 'N.Y. Times' Opines

NEW YORK, Sunday (JNA). — The Cairo correspondent of "The New York Times" in a dispatch to the Sunday News of the Week in Review section, called the Gaza frontier "like a fused powder-keg on which both parties sit glaring, each betting the other will run away first." He added that the prospects of stopping the dispute "either by decisive war or by peace are remote."

Israel wants the Gaza Strip and Egypt, it would seem, is afraid in her unreasoned determination never to answer the strip. If Egypt does not want it, why not then, give it to Israel where it would become a viable economic asset instead of a geographical abnormality."

The correspondent answered his own question. "This could be done only if the 200,000 Palestine Arabs, about two-thirds of them refugees from Israel territory, were willing. They emphatically are not willing, although they are not too happy living in the Egyptian protectorate where unemployment is probably higher than anywhere in the world."

The dispatch pointed out that Egypt does not want to fight Israel, but in common with the other Arab states is unwilling to conduct talks leading to peace treaties at this time. The prevailing opinion in Cairo is that Israel "is trying to wreck the U.N. armistice machinery in order to force direct peace negotiations."

It was said that if Israel will consent to talks within the framework of the U.N. truce organization and not seek to broaden them, then it is "possible" that conferences of some kind would be held.

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Tops in Furniture

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Israel won First Prize this year in the International Furniture Competition, which is held annually by the National Home Fashion League in the U.S., Mr. A. Kanger, manager of the Tiroyah furniture factory, told the Press here today. The Israel Embassy in Washington had placed its office furniture purchased from the Tiroyah company at the disposal of the company for the competition, and the prize was presented to Mrs. Abba Eban, wife of the Israel Ambassador to the U.S.

After the competition, the company had received its first export trial order for $12,000, and if it is satisfactory, Tiroyah will begin concentrating on export production.

The high added value (70 per cent) for furniture as well as favourable conditions in the U.S. and other countries, had influenced Mr. Kanger in his decision that luxury furniture was a worthwhile export. The company's participation in the exhibition was a step in that direction.

The Tiroyah company is a joint enterprise, shares being held equally by the workers' cooperative and private capital. *(Itim)*

Cables in Brief

CRASH. — The pilot (the only one aboard) was killed when a Swiss sports plane crashed near Munich. All were Germans.

TRAWLER. — A Hungarian shipyard had submitted a more favourable tender than competitors from 12 other countries including Britain, Germany and Belgium, for the construction of 25 ocean trawler for Syria, the Hungarian Foreign Trade newspaper "Magyar Kozlony" reported.

VETERANS. — Gen. Emile Bethouart of France was elected President of the European Federation of Ex-Servicemen's Associations founded as a two-day congress which ended in Paris on Saturday.

PERSIA. — Hussein Ala, who took over the premiership from General Zahedi two months ago, returned from a Paris clinic yesterday following surgical medical treatment.

AWARD. — The Presidium of the Bulgarian Grand Assembly has conferred the Order of George Dimitrov the highest Bulgarian award, on a 100-year-old Soviet Citizen, M. V. Khrushki, for his part in the victorious war for the liberation of Bulgaria from Turkish occupation in 1878, Moscow Radio reported.

Salk Praises Safety Measures for Vaccine

PITTSBURGH, Sunday (UPI). — Dr. Jonas E. Salk said yesterday that the Public Health Service "should be commended" for the stiff new safety standards it has ordered for the testing and production of his polio vaccine.

In a statement issued from his office, he praised Surgeon-General Leonard A. Scheele for taking "unbroken stage" to solve the problems encountered in the vaccine programme. He declined to comment on the Government's massive "White Paper" on its vaccine troubles, on the grounds that he has not read the final version.

Adm. Storaa Due In Formosa for Talks

TAIPEH, Sunday (Reuter). — Admiral Storaa, Chief of Staff to the Pacific Fleet Commander, Admiral Felix Stump, is scheduled to arrive here "very soon" to talk with the Nationalist military authorities, according to a local press report today.

Annual Anglo-Iraqi Trade Talks in Sept.

BAGHDAD, Sunday (Reuter). — Finance Minister Dr. Jaafar will lead his country's delegation to the Anglo-Iraqi annual financial talks due to take place in the first week of September.

The talks, held annually in either London or Baghdad, are designed to outline the financial, economic and trade relations between the two countries. Dr. Abdulrahman el Jalil, executive member of the Board of Development, will leave for London at the end of this month to secure the services of 50 British road and bridge engineers to work on various major projects to be undertaken by the Board.

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THE account by the "Observer" correspondent Mr. Russell Thomas, of the Gaza border tension is reproduced on this page as an indication of the kind of distortion of the facts which the Egyptians are spreading. It is a study in the anatomy of the great lie ceaselessly repeated, and a revelation of how disinterested observers can allow themselves to be misled.

DISSERVICE TO TRUTH

The despatch begins with the statement that the present crisis over Gaza stems from the explosion of a single mine in Israel territory just when talks on General Burns' four points were about to begin. Israel is represented as having wantonly announced her boycott of the talks after General Burns and the Egyptians had come to the meeting. In fact General Burns was informed by Israel that they were not coming and he himself conveyed Israel's decision to the Egyptian representative. Not mentioned in the account of this "single mine explosion" is that three Israel officers were killed and two other soldiers were wounded, one very seriously.

Most glaring is the complete reproduction of the Egyptian account of the happenings on May 30. The U.N. communique issued the very next day on this showed quite clearly that it was the Egyptians who attacked. It described the shelling of the three Israel villages by Egypt and the loss of life and casualties. The communique moreover made it quite clear that the official Egyptian account was untrue. "The information received at UNTSO Headquarters," it said, "contradicts the . . . news agency report from Gaza, alleging that official Egyptian sources 'claimed that an Israel attack was perpetrated... No such finding was made by U.N. Observers. The facts are as stated above," the communique baldly concluded. Yet in the face of this, Mr. Thomas still adduces the discredited Egyptian fabrication that "Israelis in six lorries attacked etc. etc."

And so each of the incidents in Mr. Thomas' account is either a complete invention based on a stereotyped Egyptian communique that has since been totally discredited by the findings of the U.N. Observers, or a semi-distortion caused by the omission of half of the pertinent facts as established by the MAC. Thus he refers to a MAC decision on an act of "Israel aggression," but fails to mention the published findings of the U.N. chairman that the Israeli vehicle had crossed the line in error.

Mr. Thomas goes on to draw certain dogmatic conclusions. "It is certain," he says, "that all the Arab states... will stand together against Israel." Mr. Thomas may wish to make the flesh of the Western world creep with the old myth of Arab unity and a Middle East ablaze, and so induce them to mount even more pressure upon Israel. But his "certainty" is only his feckless or deliberate gullibility in the face of Egyptian indoctrination. It ignores the indications that are not lacking, that the unity of all the Arab states, even against Israel is not all that predictable.

He goes on to assert that the patience of the Western powers is waning with Israel. But what he does not mention is that there is some impatience with Egypt too. The article in question was despatched after Mahmoud Fawzy, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, himself announced last Thursday that, within the previous 24 hours, Colonel Abdul Nasser had received visits from the British, French, United States and USSR ambassadors who stressed the urgent need for keeping the peace. Was this known to Mr. Thomas?

The fact is that Mr. Thomas has been gulled by the unscrupulous propaganda tactics of Colonel Abdul Nasser. The opinion is being fostered abroad that Egypt is the injured party, is afraid of Israel aggression and wants peace. Thus after General Burns visited the junta leader earlier this month and conveyed Israel's strong feelings, the Egyptian Prime Minister skilfully countered with two revelations. One was his speech on the "counter-threat" on Gaza, quoted by Mr. Thomas, the other was the deliberate leak of the proposal for a demilitarized zone along the Gaza strip border.

The success of this campaign is not a little helped by the kind of treatment of the situation to which Mr. Russell Thomas has lent himself.

Israel Seeks High-Level Talks with Egypt

By FRANCIS O'NEIL

TEL AVIV. — THE increasing shooting and shelling along the Israel-Egyptian border in the Gaza region is seen here as a symptom of a broader issue — the control of the vital Negev territory held by Israel since the 1948 Arab-Israel war.

The success of the current United Nations-initiated discussions on relieving the tension in this region depends greatly on whether the Egyptian and Israel Governments can be brought together to discuss this fundamental issue. The prospects for this are not too bright for the time being.

Israel, possessing most of the Negev under the 1949 armistice agreement, wants to consolidate the *status quo*. This is why Israel is eager to assure unmolested farming activities for the villagers in this region — this country's only area for the agricultural development needed for the integration of immigrants.

Egypt, as seen from here, wishes to upset this territorial *status quo* and therefore welcomes the possibilities of diverting Arab refugee dissatisfaction in the Gaza region into anti-Israel channels. "The Negev must be returned to the Arabs," declared Egypt's Minister of National Guidance, Major Saleh Salem, in Cairo on March 20. On June 5, the Government-owned Cairo Radio said: "We must teach hatred of Israel in our schools and inculcate the pupils with the need to drive the Jews from Palestine." The Arabs covet the Negev because it constitutes a wedge dividing the continuous Arab territory from Casablanca on the Atlantic Ocean to Baghdad in Iraq.

The Mayor Issue

Both Israel and — it is believed here — Egypt subordinate the specific questions of border pacification to the major issue of control of the Negev. Arguments about technicalities, agendas, level of negotiators, all stem from this fundamental controversy.

This is why the Israel Government eagerly accepted Mr. Dag Hammarskjold's proposal for high-level negotiations and asked for a general discussion of fundamental issues which, it is hoped here, could eventually pave the way for something like a peace settlement. Egypt, on the other hand, wants contact to be confined to officers on a lower level who would be authorized to deal with specific border problems only. This is now reflected in the present Egyptian proposal for talks about the creation of a demilitarized zone on both sides of the Gaza strip. The Israelis, however, feel this is only a surface cure of a symptom of the Israel - Egyptian deadlock. Demilitarisation would, according to the Israelis, increase border unrest as it would replace the present wave of clashes between the regular armies of both sides with widespread infiltration of Arab irregulars attacking Jewish civilian villages.

To support this view the Israelis recall that in the case of Jordan, border raids by armed infiltrators went on for years on an ever-increasing scale until the Government of Jordan took the border policing from the semi-civilian National Guard and entrusted it instead to troops of Jordan's regular army, the Arab Legion. As a result of this switch, the Israelis maintain, there has been comparative quiet on the Jordan-Israel border for the better part of 18 months. They want the Egyptian Army to remain in charge of the Gaza strip but propose that Cairo should issue strict orders to the Egyptian troops not to shoot at Israel patrols nor mine roads on Israel territory.

It is noteworthy, however, that the pattern of border unrest has changed in the past few months. Previously Arab raids had sharply fallen off after Israel reprisals. Since Israel's retaliatory attack on an Egyptian base near Gaza on February 28, however, the opposite has been true.

The rate of Arab infiltration from the Kingdom of Jordan dropped by 50 per cent after the Israel attacks on Kibya in October, 1953 and at Nahalin six months later. However, the number of incidents along the Israel-Egyptian border has increased from a total of 12 during the three months preceding last February's Gaza attack to 40 clashes during the subsequent three months.

All this further contributes to the complexities of Israel-Egyptian relations. Nevertheless, it appears quite certain that the vicious circle of violence cannot be cut without high-level talks — talks which either by attacking the fundamental issues or by the fact of personal contact — may gradually prepare the atmosphere for an eventual lessening of tension.

Two brief reviews of the present situation on the Gaza border are given here, side by side, as issued by the Observer Foreign News Service. Both dispatches were received in Jerusalem from London yesterday, one having originated in Tel Aviv, the other in Cairo.

Mounting Tension In Gaza Strip Area

By RUSSELL THOMAS

CAIRO. — THE new crisis along the Egyptian-Israel frontier — certainly the gravest since the armistice agreement of 1949 — can be said to stem from the explosion of a single mine in Israel territory on May 17 last. At that stage meticulous plans were being laid whereby the Israel and Egyptian representatives were to meet the following day under the chairmanship of General E.L.M. Burns, chief United Nations Palestine truce observer, to discuss Burns' four-point plan for the easing of border tension.

There were great hopes for the success of these talks, for Egypt had already approved all the proposals and Israel had accepted three of the four points. General Burns and the Egyptian members had arrived at the venue of the talks when Israel announced a boycott protesting against the mining of an Israel vehicle the day before. Later that day an Israel force attacked over the Gaza line. It was surrounded by local Egyptian forces and suffered severe casualties. Since then the Israel authorities have confessed to a reprisal policy and have brought the censure of the Eastern and Western worlds upon their head. Israel has also been brought to task for her failure to cooperate with General Burns and his security plans.

Since then General Burns, with patient determination, has again approached both sides. It is known that he had been in touch with the Israel authorities in a new bid for security talks shortly before May 30, but seemingly to little avail for on that day Israelis in six lorries attacked an Egyptian outpost, in the central Gaza area, using mortars and 15-pounder guns. One Egyptian was killed and four wounded in the two hours of fire exchanges which ensued. The Israelis, it is understood, suffered severe casualties before requesting a cease-fire for the recovery of their wounded. Eventually the Israelis were driven off.

Urgent Action

It is certain that this incident prompted General Burns to urgent action. On June 3 he announced in Cairo that his two days of talks with the Egyptian Government had been "satisfactory." He said he thought the Gaza situation "serious," and when asked about the possibility of full-scale hostilities between Egypt and Israel said: "I hope not." He considered the incident of May 30 a "new, serious development." Egypt has since requested a special sitting of the Egyptian-Israel truce commission to consider this incident and a curfew has been restored in the Gaza area.

The Egyptian Premier, Colonel Jamal Abdal Nasser, has said that General Burns was fearful lest Israelis should attempt to seize the Gaza strip by force, and has stated that Egypt's response would be war — unlike the war of 1948. "This time I will not allow the Egyptian Army to be fooled by cease-fire decisions issued from New York and obeyed by one side only. I shall not stand with arms folded, and no power can this time restrict my freedom of action," he said. It was learned that Colonel Nasser had suggested a neutral, demilitarised zone on the border from which troops of both sides would be withdrawn.

The crisis mounted on June 5 when Israelis in six armoured vehicles opened fire with machine guns on an Egyptian outpost. Israel mortars and 25-pounders nearby followed up when the Israel troops were driven back. Egypt has asked for urgent action by the United Nations observers. On June 7 and 8 a joint truce commission sat to consider earlier Egyptian protests of Israel aggressions and condemned Israel on two counts for offences prior to the new crisis. Israel was condemned for her "brutal attack" on an Egyptian outpost on May 13, and for an incident of May 14. In the second case Egypt was commended for her prompt response to a United Nations request for the release of nine Israel soldiers taken prisoner on that occasion.

Every Arab State — including Iraq — has pledged itself to rally behind Egypt in the event of open war with Israel. It is certain that despite disagreements—over other issues the Arab States will always stand together against Israel. Perhaps this factor and the waning of patience, not only of the Arabs but of Britain, France and possibly the United States, too, will reinforce General Burns' case in his further discussions of security precautions with the Israel authorities. Egypt, it appears, is still prepared to listen to reasonable terms.

VISITORS' GALLERY
The Blue Cornflower

THE charge of mutual affection cannot often be brought against Jewish organizations in the U.S. Indeed, the projects of one are often regarded by the others as a competitive challenge.

Three years ago, the then Chairman of the State of Israel Bonds in Chicago came up with an idea that would not only make friends for Israel but would join all Jewish organizations in a cooperative effort.

"The idea was actually my daughter's," Mr. Milton Krensky freely admitted when I spoke to him in Jerusalem's Moriah Hotel. "She walked into her office on Israel Independence Day and distributed blue flowers to all the workers. Then she came home and asked why I didn't arrange something of the sort on a larger scale."

Mr. Krensky, a tall silver-haired man, who has done very well for himself in the mortgage banking business, took immediately to the suggestion, and the idea of Israel Blue Flower Day was born.

April 27 this year was officially proclaimed as Israel Blue Flower Day by Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, who called upon the people of his city "which is rightfully proud of its great and historic Jewish community to . . . 'wear the blue' as a symbol of friendship and a deserved salute to Israel for seven years of notable achievement."

On that day, on the corners of Chicago's main intersections, women with baskets of blue cornflowers on their arms presented flowers to passersby "in honour of the Israel Independence anniversary." This scene was repeated in New York and Washington. Mr. Krensky estimated that some 50,000 flowers were distributed that day. "Most of them were accepted with overwhelming enthusiasm. Even in non-Zionist clubs, the majority of members accepted the flower and pinned it on their lapels."

The blue cornflower theme was taken up by the radio and television, and much publicity was given to Flower Day ceremonies which were held in the three cities with the participation of civic dignitaries and public personalities.

Los Angeles Next Year

The project has two unique characteristics. It does not raise funds, and, at Mr. Krensky's insistance, it has been "carried above all the politics of internal Jewish problems." Representatives of all Jewish organizations participated in public ceremonies and aided in the distribution of the "flower of friendship."

The success of this campaign during the past two years in New York (where it was led by Mr. Nathan Straus III) Washington D.C., and Chicago, has led Mr. Krensky to plan its initiation next year in Los Angeles and eventually in every city "where we can get cooperation."

When asked what he thought was the most valuable contribution of Israel Blue Flower Day, Mr. Krensky said, "One doesn't have to be a genius to realize that such public gestures of friendship have an influence," and he turned the tables on us and asked, "What does *The Jerusalem Post* think of the project?" We heartily approved and wished Mr. Krensky luck, as he took off for Lydda to return to Chicago, in making his plans for an even bigger blue-flower day on Israel's eighth Independence Day next year.

M.R.

KEEPING POSTED

THE quite extraordinary heat during the week-end managed to steal the thunder even from the election lists, except possibly for those immediately concerned. On Friday afternoon, the pavements gave off a solid white heat that wilted late shoppers almost as fast as the fruit and vegetables still remaining on the stalls, and prices dropped to prehistoric levels. The kiosks did a roaring trade in cold drinks and *Artic*, and only children with quick tongues and a great deal of practice could gobble all the ice off the stick before it melted and ran up their forearm. In Tel Aviv a driver found that two ice-cream cones cost him IL3.100. He had stopped his car at the

busy corner of Nahlat Benyamin and Rehov Lilienblum to buy himself a pleasant antidote against the mid-day sun, and before he could get around to the first lick an eagle-eyed mounted policeman caught up with him and gave him a ticket. When he heard that the fine would be IL3-, he quickly bought a second cone because, he said, the fine was too much extra to pay for one, and he'd rather spread the extra expense over two.

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A CORRESPONDENT from Tel Aviv who notes that she is 14 writes that she was delighted to receive a registered letter addressed to herself from the Post Office Bank, with which she has a modest savings account. The envelope proved to contain a cheque with her name and address neatly filled in and the amount, IL0.010, and the information that this sum could be cashed at any Post Office in Israel. She says that when she discovered that the interest on her savings only amounted to ten pruiot she did not know exactly whether to laugh or cry. In the end she decided to keep the cheque as a memento of her first investment, and offer the evidence of the people's bank's care for its smallest capitalists to this column for our entertainment.

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A Negev kibbutz that received sheep by air from Australia once considered that it was being pretty progressive. Their record is entirely outclassed by that of a Miss Jacoba Bregman, who last Thursday moved an entire farm by air from a village in Holland to Nova Scotia in Canada, about 6,500 kilometres away. She chartered an entire KLM Skymaster and packed into it 600 metres of wire netting, 23 dogs, including 17 prize Afghan hounds, three horses, a donkey and a Dartmoor pony, as well as a tractor, furniture and books. She is leaving her cows behind and will buy new ones in Canada. The horses and dogs, she says, are more in the nature of pets.

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"WHAT makes conversation with children so interesting — writes a friend — is the fact that often they come up with a refreshingly original point of view. The little daughter of an acquaintance was transferred from one kindergarten to another recently. The new teacher, like so many nowadays, is obsessed with the idea that it is wrong ever to tell a child to do anything. She had been at the new place for a while when I met her and asked how she liked the change. Was the new kindergarten more fun than the old one? She frowned, thinking hard and trying to translate her impressions into words. In the end she gave a little sigh and said the trouble was that here 'you always have to do what you like whether you want to or not'."

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A TOURIST who has been troubled by the unsightliness of election propaganda on the walls of houses tells us that he was pleased to see a woman scrubbing the pavement near the old Histadrut Building in Tel Aviv which has had a large "aleph" up all the time. It seemed that at least one party was trying to keep the town looking decent. A few corners down there was another woman getting busy on the pavement with the same kind of patent mop-sponge contraption. Maybe Tel Aviv is a model city after all, he reasoned. Gives employment, keeps the place looking decent. Being a born organizer, he figured that there were really quite a number of more urgent cleaning jobs, for after all the pavements are kept polished by the mere press of people walking on them. When he spoke to one of the scrubbing women to ask her by whom she was employed, she said it was the company that makes the mops, and wanted to demonstrate its manifold advantages. He thanked her politely and got away, his confidence in the good sense of the Tel Aviv Council unexpectedly restored.

Today's contributors include Daniela Trauberg and G. Axelrad, Tel Aviv, and G.G. Frankenberg, Jerusalem.

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Yesterday's Press
THE CANDIDATES' LISTS

COMMENTING on the submission of 28 lists of candidates for the Third Knesset, "Ha'aretz" (non-party) says that the number may appear to be a result of the present system of proportional representation. Not all of the lists, however, stand a chance of getting even one seat in the Knesset: there will be only nine parties. "Ha'aretz" expresses the hope that the election campaign will not reach full intensity until July, what with the fact that the Second Knesset is still in session and that most parties have one big effort, the Histadrut elections, behind them. In any case, three-and-a-half weeks of electioneering would be quite enough.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) regrets the fact that there will be hardly any new blood in the Third Knesset. The only surprise was the disintegration of the "Religious Bloc." The open bargaining that attended the making up of the General Zionists list was an unedifying spectacle that will hardly win that party friends. The paper hopes for a fair elections campaign.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) regrets that it was impossible to form a single orthodox electoral bloc, but thinks that it was more important for Hapoel Hamizrahi to preserve its internal unity, which would have gone by the board if it had agreed to make common cause with Agudat Yisrael. However that may be, there should be no competition between the two orthodox blocs, and each camp should appeal to its followers.

Arab Boycott

Both "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) and "Lamerhav" (Abdut Ha'avoda) come out in favour of the Anti-Militarist Jewish Conference to be convened in Paris soon. "Lamerhav" believes that the main motive behind the invitation of Dr. Adenauer to Moscow is the wish to cause the disintegration of the Western bloc, and it should not affect Israel's attitude towards Bonn.

"Hatzofe" welcomes the intervention of the representatives of the Powers in Cairo but expresses doubt whether these moves will have much of an effect unless the Egyptian dictator is told quite unequivocally that he will not be able to get away with his acts of aggression indefinitely. "Haboker" (General Zionist) demands Israel counter-measures against the Arab League boycott, which has enjoyed a measure of success, influencing BOAC to stop its flights to Israel and Yugoslavia to reduce her trade with us.

"Davar" (Histadrut) takes a very critical view of the resolutions adopted at the recent session of the bi-national Chambers of Commerce and says that partisan attacks which disregard both economic realities and the existence of a "collective factor" in this country are not helpful at all in attracting foreign investors. "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) complains about the Ministry of the Interior's discrimination against the local municipal authorities, especially in the rural areas.

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